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## Chapter 797 Meeting

**May 18, 2019**

The monthly meeting will be on the third Saturday of the month at the Chapter Building at 10:30 AM.

A Pancake Breakfast will be at 8:00 AM. All of our members are asked to share in the fun.



*Cathy's Steed*

## **EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast**

The third Saturday of the month

**May 18, 2019**

**8:00-10:00 AM**

## **From the Top**

Happy Mother's Day!

Every year I travel to Homestead to spend time with my mother for Mother's Day. It has been a nice trip as usual. Mom and Bob, my stepdad, both in their mid 80's are doing great for their age. I also get to visit my younger brother and his family, which are only 30 minutes away. He his such a hoot! Love to see him, he is always in good spirits. On the way down I visit my sister and family in Longwood and stay overnight. I would stay on the way back, but she and her daughter have both come down with a cold. No way am I stopping on the way back. So what I am leading up to is what I encountered on the way down. The useless Love bugs.

Holy Toledo! Thank goodness I prepared for a mess 'cause I killed my share from Kissimmee to Ft. Pierce! Dryer sheets and water were the trick and non-stick oil spray on the bumper cover, grille, and the back of the mirrors. It sure made clean up easier. If you know my husband, he has trained me well, get those things cleaned off. I can't wait for my return trip. I hope it rains! How high do Love bugs fly?

At our next pancake breakfast on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we need a couple of people to rotate in for kitchen duty. Any of you are welcome to come in and help. It's easy and fun.

At our last meeting I failed to mention, that our Member, David Poirier is joining our Board of Directors. Not everyone has to have a position, but I

am allowed to appoint up to 4 additional people. You are more than welcome to join us. We have room for 3 more of you.

I managed to make it to Cross City's Fly-in last month. I was able to see the Young Eagles program in action. We have outstanding pilots, coordinator, and volunteers from our chapter, giving up their valuable time to give these young people a great opportunity to learn about aviation. The kiddie ride, again, seems to be a hit. What a great idea, to whomever came up with these carts. Kudos to our people for your service.

Set the date for our next event, The Pig Roast Fly-in, is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. So far I have not found a conflict with this date.

Our next meeting Chapter is May 18<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we do some maintenance. This is what is on my mind.

- I would love to hear your ideas about building a loft for some storage, and building a rack for our yard sign, perhaps up on the wall.
- The tools need to be identified, photographed, and set up into a inventory. Then we need to add to web page.
- There is sweeping of the ceiling, the walls, and floors in the hanger. "Darn spiders"
- We also need to address some of deterioration of the building outside.
- Does anyone have a rug cleaner that we could borrow?
- Build book shelves in the clubhouse to put videos, photo books, and learning material in view for anyone interested. Right now they are in a hidden in a cabinet.
- Do we have an electrician in the chapter? We have a few issues that need to be addressed.

OK, I will stop now. You get the idea. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be on the menu for lunch!

*Cathy Cleveland  
Chapter 797 President*

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## Cross City Young Eagles Report

Cross City was every bit as busy as the previous events for the Young Eagles crew in Cross City.



*Brad in his Piper with happy campers*

Saturday we hit the ground running. Dennis Wolcott taxied in with his trusty steed, the Wag-Aero. Brad Bedenbaugh flew in his Piper, but developed a cracked exhaust and had to limp home to Canon Creek early. Tommy Diedeman flew in the flying club's Musketeer and Alex pulled up the rear in his venerable Mooney. (OK, he wasn't that late) Tally:

Tommy	- 16
Alex	- 16
Dennis	- 8
<u>Brad</u>	<u>- 6</u>
Total:	- 46

Our next Young Eagles event is on Oct. 19 at 24J before/during the Pig Roast. Please RSVP to my email on the newsletter header if you can help out there.



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*3/4 Scale Fokker Triplane at Cross City*

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## Flying Tiger Pig Roast



*Flying Tiger seen on departure*

I got to fly in to the Flying Tiger Pig Roast with 797 member Joe Arbie in his 1956 PA-22/150 Tri-

Pacer. There is something adventurous about flying in an airplane designed before ergonomics...



There were a few parachutists that dropped in a couple of times. Helicopters hovering about contrary to the current pattern, a Cessna 421 on the deck at 160+ mph and an LSA that took off down the middle of aircraft parking really kept your head on a swivel. These guys are a relaxed and fun bunch.



*Kinda dark to see, the pig was dressed to kill.*

Also seen at Flying Tiger was James Culp and David Nickels. There were many more there and the kids all had foamy gliders aloft.

*Editor*

## Little River Fly In

It seems that some of our crew opted for Little River for the morning jaunt.



Picture from Dusti McCluskey

Others claim to have attended a fly-in at Lake City Airpark, but I received no reports from that field.



## Free Drawing Winner



WOS 2019 had its first ever drawing for free merchandise. It was a modest prize, but hopefully the start of an annual addition to *Wings Over Suwannee* for years to come.

Congratulations to Emery Farkas of Live Oak! Emery visited our chapter meeting on April 20, met the crew and picked up his prize. Emery has won a \$25.00 gift card from American Spruce and specialty along with a catalog to shop from. He expressed an interest in acquiring a project for his soon approaching retirement years.

*Editor*

## Azalea Aviation Happenings

Been busy now that summer has started and the flying weather has improved. Of course this means getting out a bit earlier or staying later at the airport to take advantage of cool, smooth air. Tonight I stayed a bit late to enjoy a sunset flight in our new airplane.




We had been waiting several months for “The Phantom” (as named by employees) to be delivered. “The Phantom” is our Big Piet. Originally designed in 1930, our Pietenpol was built in 2010 and was built with a steel tube fuselage instead of wood. It is slightly wider and longer than a standard Piet. Bernie Pietenpol was the first homebuilder to install a Corvair engine in an experimental aircraft in 1960. Now many Pietenpols fly with Corvair power plants...including ours. It flies very nicely and is such a blast....literally! In the hair, eyes, nose, ears....welcome to open cockpits. If you ever get a chance to get a ride or fly a Piet ...do it! It's a great return to the past...imagining what it was like in the 1930 after WW1 and barnstormers flew over the states. Just plane fun!



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This is your newsletter. I am very happy to see that several people have stepped forward with their experiences to fill these pages. Let us know how your project is going or where you've been. It's your newsletter, let's make it about you.



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